

Head Start Directors Meeting

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Program Updates

HSCO WEBPAGE

The Head Start State Collaboration Office now has a [landing page](#) on the VDOE website.

HSCO Resources:

- National OHS Priorities
- HSCO Strategic Plan
- HSCO Needs Assessment Survey Reports
- Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center
- HSCO Partner Resources

VQB5

To understand how children's experiences support their growth and learning towards school readiness, Virginia, with parental permission, needs to know which children are in each classroom. With this information, Virginia can show how these experiences prepare all children for kindergarten and ultimately better support them to be successful in school and beyond.

What type of child level information will be entered for classroom lists?

To enable the VDOE to measure impact as required by law, the following is needed:

- Children's first and last names
- Children's date of birth
- Children's gender

For more information review the resources available on the [VQB5 website](#)

- [Classroom Lists Overview for 2024-2025](#)
- [VQB5 for Families](#)

VIRGINIA CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP

The [Virginia Child Care Provider Scholarship Program](#) is accepting applications from June 15 through July 22, 2024, from early learning educators interested in taking college courses during the **FALL 2024 semester**.

What does the scholarship cover:

- In-state tuition for eligible applicants for [APPROVED COURSES](#)
- Educators must attend one of **Virginia's Community Colleges and Montessori Training Programs**.

To learn more about this scholarship opportunity or to apply for scholarship funds, please review information at: www.vaccscholarship.com

CHILD CARE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Virginia Department Of Education's Office of Child Care Health and Safety will facilitate a webinar to learn about new laws related to child day programs and family day systems.

Audience:

This webinar is relevant for licensees, owners, and directors who represent licensed programs, subsidy vendors, voluntarily registered homes, religious exempt centers, certified preschools, and license-exempt programs.

If interested, [register](#) to attend on June 20, 2024 at 10:00 am. Registration is limited to 500 registrants, but the webinar will be recorded and posted on the VDOE child care [website](#) after the event.

HOME AT HEAD START

Office of Head Start Director Khari Garvin shares a [short video](#) shares the ways Head Start programs support all families experiencing housing instability. He explains how Head Start staff offer trusting, nurturing relationships and essential health, nutrition, and family services during uncertain times.

Additional Resources:

- [Home at Head Start with Director Garvin](#) collection
- [FAQs About Families Experiencing Homelessness](#)
- [ECLKC Homelessness Resources](#)
- [Connecting with Community Partners](#)

FY23 STATE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The Needs Assessment Survey data compilation evaluates how HSSCO Directors, Head Start agencies, and community partners are effectively adhering to Section 642B(a)(2)(A) of the 2007 Head Start Act. This instrument has been implemented by Virginia HSSCO Directors since 2011, and the results integrated into OHS Continuation Grant applications.

According to the Head Start Act

- (4) The State Director of Head Start Collaboration shall
 - (A) not later than 1 year after the State receives a collaboration grant under paragraph (2), conduct an assessment that--
 - (i) addresses the needs of Head Start agencies in the State with respect to collaboration, coordination and alignment of services, and alignment of curricula and assessments used in Head Start programs with the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework and, as appropriate, State early learning standards;
 - (ii) shall be updated on an annual basis; and
 - (iii) shall be made available to the general public within the State;



SURVEY PRIZE WINNERS

Grant recipients were randomly selected that completed the FY23 Needs Assessment Survey to receive a \$25.00 Amazon giftcard.

Winners:

- Ronkeisha Kelly- The Improvement Association
- Cindy Raymond- Scott County HS
- Pat Washington- Fauquier Community Action

**Thank you for all that you do for the children and families in
Virginia!**

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